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This bulletin is distributed on a periodic basis to keep you informed of changes in special projects, procedures, personnel, systems, and other activities concerning the Patent Search Branch. We welcome your comments and suggestion for future issues.

**EAST 1.2 COMING**

The new version of EAST 1.2 is scheduled for deployment in the Public Search Room and PSIRF by the end of March beginning of April, 2001. The new version of EAST will provide several of the same enhancements that WEST 2.0 provides. In addition there are some enhancements unique to EAST 1.2. Included among the new features are:

- Manual of Classification Order searching and use of shorthand notation.
- Searching Pre-Grant Publications Full-Text Database.
- Quick menu option for backward citation searching (EAST only)
- Searching EPO and JPO documents in US Classification (limited to foreign documents classified by examiners.)
- Ability to reuse L# with or without the L, i.e. L1 and L2 or 1 and 2. (EAST only)
- Refine an existing query and retaining previous tags. (EAST only)
- Select search terms to have highlighted. Highlight on/off capability. (EAST only)
- Ability to filter the Dictionary by Database; USPAT, EPO, JPO. (Currently the Dictionary searches terms across all databases.)
- Additional print capabilities that include turning on/off the banner page for local printing.
- Customize image display formats.

**PRE-GRANT PUBLICATIONS ON WEST/EAST**

Pre-Grant publications of U.S. patent applications began being published in March. Only applications pending after 18 months are being published. These applications became available on WEST in mid-March. The capability on EAST will become available by the end of March beginning of April with the deployment of EAST 1.2.

The Pre-Grant Publication Full Text Database is one of the database options in both EAST and WEST. It can also be included in searching multiple databases, such as searching Pre-Grant Publications along with USPT.

**SAVED WORKSPACES AND PREFERENCES ON EAST**

The ability to save preferences and workspaces unique to a users ID will be available to public users with the new version of EAST.

You will be able to save up to 5 workspaces with different file names. When you sign on to a UPWS workstation and have a previous saved workspace(s), the system will ask you whether you want

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<u>Facilities</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Public Search Room (PSR)	CP3/4 Lobby	Weekdays 8:00AM -8:00PM	(703) 305-4463
Patent Search and Image Retrieval Facility (PSIRF)	CM1 1A02	Weekdays 8:00AM-5:00PM	(703) 308-6001
Patent Assignment Search Room (PASR)	CP3 2C03	Weekdays 8:30AM -5:00PM	(703) 308-2768

to open an existing workspace or open a new one. If you open an existing workspace it will fill in your previous L#'s and allow you to add additional L#'s to it.

If you save to an existing file name it will save those changes that you have made, and overwrite the previous save. You can also do maintenance and housekeeping of your saved files by deleting either all, or portions of them.

Preference settings can also be saved under your user ID allowing you to you're your fonts, browser window layouts, search preferences, etc.

## **ADDITIONAL UPWS WORKSTATIONS**

Four additional UPWS workstations will be placed in the Public Search Room and 2 additional workstations are available in the PSIRF. This brings the total number of available UPWS workstations to 62. There are 19 in the PSIRF, and 43 in the Public Search Room (PSR). Two of the workstations in the PSR are dedicated to only the Walk-Up Printing. The remaining 41 workstations have EAST and WEST in addition to Walk-up.

## **PATENT FILE INFORMATION UNIT EXPANSION**

The table area in the File Information Unit was recently expanded to include high top tables. 5 new additional photocopiers are expected on March 30.

## **PTDL CONFERENCE**

The 24<sup>th</sup> annual Patent and Trademark Depository Library Program (PTDLP) Training Seminar was held the week of March 18-23, 2001. 77 of the 87 PTDL's sent representatives to the conference. There were a total of 95 attendees, that included four special guests. Two of the special guests were representatives from foreign intellectual property offices. The People's Republic of China sent a representative from their State Intellectual Property Office (SIPO) and Canada sent a representative from their Canadian Intellectual Property Office.

Attendees of the conference obtained training in patent classification, trademarks, the WEST database, CASSIS CD-ROM. Presentations were also given by the Acting Director for the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Nicholas P. Godici,; Acting Chief Information Officer, Ron Hack; Com-

misioner of Trademarks, Anne Chasser; and other managers and directors throughout PTO.

## **PATENT STATUS REPORT**

Normally the paper numerical set of patents is available on date of issue and the classified set is filed the day after issue. The weekly *Official Gazette* (OG) is available on day of issue. Weekly Notices of Suit are available every Monday in CP3 1A03.

Patents on microfilm are now discontinued. They stop with:

Utility	5,998,333	Dec..	07,	1999
Design	D377,106	Dec.	31,	1995
Reissue	RE35,135	Dec.	26,	1995
SIR	H1,511	Dec.	05,	1995

Beginning January 2000, patents images will be available on USAPat CD-ROM. The USAPat images are loaded weekly for 1999 through March, 6 2001.

The most current updates for the CASSIS and other CD-ROM titles are

Patents BIB	August	2000
Patents CLASS	December	2000
Patents ASSIST	June	2000
Patents ASSIGN	June	2000
Patents USAPat	March	2001
Trademarks USAMark	February	2001
Trademarks Registered	August	2000
Trademarks Pending	August	2000
Trademarks ASSIGN	September	2000
Trademarks ASSIST	June	1999

CASSIS titles Trademarks ACE Dead Data (August 1998) and Patents SNAP (April 1998) are available without update.